and earthquake experts and serious doubts voiced about the benefits likely to yield from the project; and

(b) if so, what are the estimated irrigational and power generation benefits likely to be achieved from the project on its completion as compared to (i) the estimated loss of standing forests; (ii) estimated expenditure on the re-settlement of the people that would be uprooted; (iii) estimated submergence of cultivable land; and (iv) the estimated expenditure to be incurred in the execution of the project including the cost escalation due to time factor in its completion?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Narmada Sagar and Sardar Sarovar Projects have been cleared from environmental angle.

(b) The projects estimated to cost about Rs. 7600 crores envisages irrigation to 20 lakh hectares and will have 2450 MW installed capacity. They are likely to submerge about 52 thousand hectares of forest land and 56 thousand hectares of cultivable land. The likely cost of resettlement of the people is about Rs. 370 crores.

Central allocation to Rajasthan for Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme

687. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the comparative percentage of decline in the Central allocation to the State Government of Rajasthan under the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme since 1983-84 till date; and

(b) what are the reasons for the decline in the Central allocation when the State of Rajasthan is in the grip of drought conditions and is facing acute water scracity for the fourth successive year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) and (b) Provision of drinking water to rural areas is a State subject. Government of India only supplements their efforts by giving technical and financial assistance to States under the Centrally Sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARSWP). State Governments make provisions for the programme under the State sector Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). The following table shows the comparative provisions made under MNP and ARSWP since 1983-84;

Funds made available for rural water supply in Rajasthan

(In lakhs)

Year	State-MNP	Centrally Sponsored ARSWP
1983-84	1881·00	4133·83
1984-85	1075·00	3863·83
1985-86	1100·00	2732·00
1986-87	1600·00	2700·00
1987-88	2380·00	819·00 (First instalment.)

While there has been a decline in the ARSWP releases from 1983-84 onwards, Central funds made available have always been significantly higher than funds mobilised by the State Government for this crucial sector. It was decided by the Government that from 1985-86 allocation of Central assistance under ARSWP will not exceed the provision under State sector MNP. This is the main reason for decline in the Central assistance vis-a-vis amount released in 1983-84 and 1984-85. However, ad hoc additional assistance of Rs. 1632.0 lakhs in 1985-86 and Rs. 1100.00 lakhs in 1986-87 was given to the State Government over and above their normal entitlement.

Drought situation in Rajasthan

688. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what percentage of entire population in Rajasthan has been

affected by drought conditions in 1987 stating the areas most affected and how does it compare with the position in 1986 in Rajasthan and in various other drought affected areas in the country;

(b) what is the number of starvation deaths, if any, due to disease and infection among the children and adults in the drought affected areas in Rajasthan in 1987 as compared to the death incidents in 1986 in Rajasthan and other drought affected areas in the country;

(c) whether Government have made any analysis of the working of the Food for Work Programme, Expanded Immunisation Programmer Universal Immunisation Programme and other relief works in the drought affected areas; if so, what is the outcome thereof; and

(d) what are the salient features of short-term/long term plans, if any, drawn up by Government to tackle the problem in these areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of House, when received.

Protection of the Ganga embankment

689. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of West Bengal have urged the Prime Minister to immediately sanction Rs. 11 crores for the protection of the Ganga embankment; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in relation thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The State Government are to update the estimates and obtain sanction. In the meantime, the Ministry of Railways have agreed to share the cost to the tune of Rs. 2.55 crores.

Insecticides etc. approved by registration Committee

690. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the Insecticides, Fungicides, Herbicides which have been approved by the Registration Committee of C.I.B. u/s 9(3) of the Insecticides Act as on date;

(b) what are the products pending before the Registration Committee for registration u/s 9(3) and 9(3B) of the Insecticides Act separately as on date alongwith the names of the parties and their addresses, product-wise, party-wise and since when; and

(c) what are the norms, conditions and criteria laid down by the Registration Committee for conversion of Registration from u/s 9(3B) to u/s 9(3) of the Insecticides Act?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A list of the insecticides/fungicides/herbicides which have been approved by the Registration Committee under Section 9(3) of the Insecticides Act is given the Annexure [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 38]

(b) A statement showing the products (Insecticides-Tech.) pending before the Registration Committee for registration under Section 9(3) is given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 39 'A'] Similarly, a statement showing the products pending before the Registration Committee for registration